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1. (Amended) A sanitary napkin adapted to be worn in a crotch portion of an undergarment, said sanitary napkin comprising:
- a) a fluid-pervious cover layer;
 - b) an absorbent system under said cover layer [said absorbent system having an absorbent width of at least 64 mm];
 - c) a liquid-impervious barrier layer under said absorbent system;
 - d) said sanitary napkin being characterised by a thickness less than about 5 mm;
 - e) said liquid-impervious barrier layer including a pair of linear adhesive zones that extend along said longitudinal axis and are adjacent to respective side edges of the sanitary napkin, said linear adhesive zones being capable of bonding said sanitary napkin to the undergarment;
 - f) said [absorbent system including at least a pair of preferential bending zones that extend along said longitudinal axis and are adjacent to respective side edges of the sanitary napkin, said preferential bending zones registering with respective linear adhesive zones, said preferential bending zones allowing said sanitary napkin to fold at said preferential bending zone in response to lateral compression applied to said napkin and permitting said napkin to acquire a three-dimensional deformation profile] sanitary napkin having a main body with a longitudinal axis and two opposite longitudinal side areas, said sanitary napkin including a preferential bending line extending obliquely in
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